IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Miyamoto et al. Group Art Unit: 1632

Serial No.: 10/591,530 Examiner: Wilson, Michael C.

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Confirmation No.: 2171

For: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS INTO

STEROID-PRODUCING CELLS

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 27, 2009 (hereinafter, "the Official Action"), for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including March 27, 2010. Since March 27, 2010 is a Saturday, the deadline is automatically extended to Monday, March 29, 2010. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$130.00, to cover the one month extension of time fee for other than small entity, along with any other fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, and to credit any over payment to, Deposit Account Number 50-0426. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.